

## Torrance Fires Increase As Dry Season Sets In

The Torrance Fire department had a fairly busy week, although not serious, what with grass and roof fires breaking out in spots. Four grass fires were reported during the week, two on Hawthorne Blvd., and two on West-ern ave. One of the blazes, at 20428 Hawthorne Blvd., was reported caused by burning rubbish. No known cause was given for the other three.

It was pointed out by the Fire department that residents should take all precautions against grass and other fires that may break out due to the increasing dryness of the season.

A fire Sunday at the home of William R. Howell, 2014 238th st., with damage estimated at \$500, was reported caused by a defective non-automatic water heater.

Tuesday evening, a spectacular blaze but no damage was caused by fireworks igniting dry leaves

## Grading Bids For New Strip School Site Are Asked

Bids for grading of a site for a 15-classroom elementary school at 216th st. and Halldale ave., were invited Tuesday by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

B. L. Kimball, architect for the school board, said a contract for the work will be awarded June 24, and that work would start shortly thereafter.

Although construction of the new school will not be completed in time for the fall semester, he said, some sort of temporary structures will probably be erected before September to house kindergarten students.

atop the roof of an apartment house at 1106 El Prado, it was reported.

Firemen stated that from the first appearance, the structure seemed to be in danger of serious damage, but the fire was brought under control before the building itself ignited.

## OBITUARY

**WALTER EUGENE FOGG**  
Services for Walter Eugene Fogg, 65, of 4435 W. 164th st., who died June 8, were conducted at the Dunaway Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Virgil Zierbel officiating. Mr. Fogg had resided in Los Angeles for a short time, moving there from Torrance. He is survived by son, Clarence Fogg of Los Angeles; three brothers, Herbert, David and John Fogg, all of Massachusetts; and two grandchildren. Interment was in San Gabriel cemetery.

**JOHN BASIL McCracken**  
Services for John Basil McCracken, 2117 Cabrillo ave., who died at Sawtelle hospital Thursday, were conducted Monday at the Stone & Myers chapel at 2 p.m. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pederson officiating. Mr. McCracken was born December 1, 1882 in Frostberg, Penna., and had lived in Torrance for the past 20 years. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Rose E. McCracken, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Howell, both of Torrance. He was a member of the Torrance VFW No. 3251. Interment was at Inglewood Cemetery.

**LEORA MAE ROSS**  
Services for Leora Mae Ross, 1724 Arlington ave., who died at her home June 4, were conducted at the chapel of Stone & Myers Mortuary Friday, Rev. John E. Orr officiating. A resident of Torrance for the past 27 years, Mrs. Ross was born July 6, 1896 in Wentworth, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. She is survived by her husband, William J. Ross; a son William J. Jr.; a daughter, Beverly Jean Ross, all of Torrance; and four brothers, Ernest, Neil, Bert, and Cecil Barclay, all of Nova Scotia. Interment was in Inglewood Cemetery.

**BERTHA TILLER**  
Services for Mrs. Bertha Tiller, 22733 S. Main st., who died yesterday at Harbor General hospital, will be conducted today at Stone & Myers chapel at 2 p.m. Rev. Goldner of Los Angeles Lutheran church officiating. A resident of Torrance for the past two years and of California for four years, Mrs. Tiller was born Sept. 12, 1879 in Latvia. She is survived by four sons: Joseph and Larry Tiller, of San Bruno; Harold Tiller, of Michigan; and August Tiller of Torrance; and two daughters, Mrs. Lily Evans of Torrance, and Mrs. Martha Tribelner of San Bruno. Her remains will be shipped to West Branch, Michigan for interment here.

## Mrs. Amy Huffine Dies Suddenly In Las Vegas

Mrs. Amy Huffine, Walteria resident for more than 20 years, died suddenly Wednesday morning in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Huffine lived at 24134 Ward st.

Her husband, Harlan B. Huffine, Torrance service station proprietor, and her son, P. H. "Pat" Huffine, owner of a Mobilgas station at 24636 Narbonne ave., Lomita, left immediately for the Nevada city.

Sources close to the family indicated that her unexpected passing was caused by a heart attack and that the body will arrive in Lomita Friday. Mrs. Huffine departed by car early this week for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dora Bash.

## Sigma RHO Chapter of Delphian Society Installs Officers

Concluding the club year for the recently organized Sigma Rho Chapter of the Delphian Society was the installation meeting Thursday morning in the lecture room of Torrance City library.

In a simple ceremony, Mrs. Ben Weston, president, inducted her staff, presenting each with a handsome corsage of spring flowers.

Officers who will serve during the ensuing year are: Mrs. Ben Weston, president; Mesdames J. T. Oursler, vice president; G. T. Derouin, secre-

tary; Hartley E. Carr, treasurer and Seminar board members: Mmes. Von M. Bergen, C. E. Ward, Howard G. Locke Jr., Paul F. Vonderahe, Sam V. Rauss and Dean L. Sears.

The regular program followed the rites with Mesdames F. A. Lincoln, H. R. Burkholder, Von M. Bergen and Howard Locke Jr., participating.

A report of the recent Delphian Assembly at Ambassador was heard and Mrs. Weston reported on the Seminar program which she had attended the previous day at Jonathan club.

The Chapter will reopen for fall sessions on Sept. 6.

For information regarding Delphian activities interested persons are asked to call Mrs. Dean L. Sears, Torrance 470.

## Hospital Cases

Patients admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following: Mrs. Alline Cooper, 3657 Emerald st.

Mrs. Beulah Davis, 24423 Ward st.

John E. Justice 22034 S. Normandie st.

Harry Lewis, 1617 Arlington ave.

Celia Stryker, Harbor General Hospital nurses quarters.

Alton Winger, 1715 Arlington ave.

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